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REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 3-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for allegedly being unpatentable over Bader in view of Tjernstrom. Applicants respectfully traverse.

Applicants agree that Bader lacks the disclosure of a bolt having a lateral surface that changes at the greatest radial extent of the conical surface into a cylindrical surface, but disagree that Tjernstrom discloses such a bolt (20).

Assuming for the sake of argument that Tjernstrom discloses a bolt as claimed by Applicants, and Applicants do not concede this point, as the central axis S1 of the screw (bolt) of Tjernstrom is eccentrically displaced inwardly as compared with the central axis S2 of said recess 28A, thereby ensuring that the clamp 18A is urged inwardly upon tightening said screw into threaded engagement with the corresponding threaded bore 19A of said holder body, there is no point at which the cylindrical head 27A touches the conical recess 28A.

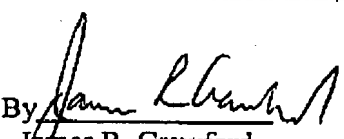
In any event, Bader does not require such a bolt as provided by Tjernstrom and the Examiner has not explained how the bolt of Tjernstrom would provide a "tighter connection between the associated elements" as alleged. It is not taught anywhere that Tjernstrom's bolt, in and of itself, achieves a tighter connection, nor has he provided an teaching showing that Bader's device needs a tighter connection. The Examiner is respectfully requested to provide objective information to support his allegation.

In view of the foregoing, allowance is believed proper and is urged.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 50-0624, under Order No. NY-DNAG-299. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted

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